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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

DANILO PORRO ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/068,137

Filed: February 6, 2002

For: PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING LACTIC
ACID USING YEAST TRANSFORMED
WITH A GENE ENCODING LACTATE
DEHYDROGENASE

Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Kathleen M. Kerr

Attorney Docket: 2027.547096/RFE
(2005470)

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed
on January 25, 2005.

(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered)

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously
filed on _____.

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations

iv. ☒ Request for Extension of Time

2.

Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37
C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall
not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required).

b. ☐ Other _____

3.

Fees

 The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any
overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2027.547096RFE.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee for one month (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$910.00 enclosed

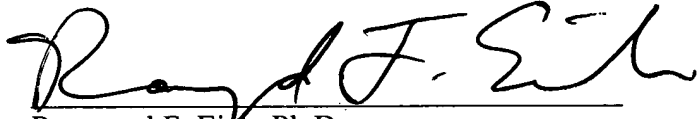
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Respectfully submitted,

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March 3, 2005

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